

Midway Concert Dips Into Past

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MIDWAY, Wasatch County — If the numbers on Midway's annual Community Concert are always ticked off with the precision of a Swiss watch, credit maestro Clarence Probst.

Sprung from a family of Swiss musicians, Probst is Midway's "Music Man," and he takes his responsibilities seriously as director of the 16th annual concert, in connection with the town's "Swiss Days" celebration.

"I begin work on a new Swiss Days program the week after we finish a concert and work on it all the year through," Probst said today.

Called "Memory Lane Melodies," this year's concert opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall and will repeat Saturday night.

A mixed chorus, a women's chorus, a male chorus, soloists and instrumentalists will all appear on the program. There will even be dancing,



Picture shows early Midway band of which Clarence Probst, bottom right, was a proud member.

including a Spanish number, the "Waltz Tango" and "Dardendella," performed by Brigham Young University students.

"The old songs are the best songs," Probst says with a twinkle and then adds, "but

we include music for everyone."

"Peg of My Heart," "Charmaine" and "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland" will recall memories for parents, while "Games That Lovers Play" and "When We All Get

Together in the Fall" will please the young.

"I always include songs by Victor Herbert, Rudolph Friml and Rogers and Hammerstein," Probst said. "Sometimes we even go classical and I always conclude with a rousing patriotic number or two."

Probst's parents, John Ulrich and Susanna Gertich Probst were born in Switzerland and immigrated to Midway as youngsters and converts to The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints. Both loved good music.

Probst's grandfather led a Swiss-German choir in Midway almost 100 years ago.

Midway's Music Man sang and played with musical groups most of his life, including a famous dance band, organized in 1913 in Midway.

"Always on the 4th of July and Washington's Birthday we marched through the town playing patriotic music," he said. "Then most of the boys marched off to World War I."

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